[10th October 1928

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" As to the contract now placed, may I know the name of the particular firm, Sir ? "

The hon. the President :—" I do not find any reference to tenders and acceptances in this question. It only relates to the quality of cement to be used."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" The answer to (b) says that Indian cement will be used. I am only anxious to know whether the promoters of the firm are Indians or Europeans ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I think it would be better to put a separate question."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Will the hon. Member furnish the information without waiting for a formal question ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I will furnish it, Sir."

Publishing of the Report of the Mettur Project Deputation Committee

*460 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state when the Government intend publishing the report of the Mettur Project Deputation Committee ?

A.—As soon as the Government Order on the report is ready.

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" How long will Government take to pass orders ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I hoped it would be ready before this meeting. But circumstances prevented that and I now hope it will be ready in a week or so."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" Is it not a fact that if there is a further delay in accepting the recommendations of the committee, progress in the work will continue in the meanwhile ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I must ask the hon. Member to wait till he has had an opportunity of reading the Government Order."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Seeing that this committee was appointed practically at the request of the House, may I know if Government has any intention of consulting the House before passing orders, and if not why not ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" One portion of the House asks that the orders may be expedited. Now the suggestion is that it should be deferred pending discussion of this House. I cannot say anything more now than that the Government Order will not prevent the House from pressing again any further points."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Now that there has been some delay, may I ask whether the hon. Member accepts the recommendations as the recommendations of the House, in which case there is no need to discuss further ? If he does not accept them, may I know whether Government will consult the wishes of the House before passing their orders ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" It does not depend upon me. I must ask the member to wait."

10th October 1928]

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—"May I ask the Government to publish the report and then discuss it in the House?".

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"It is a suggestion, Sir, which will be duly considered."

Memorial submitted to His Excellency the Governor by ryots and mirasidars of Kadarambam parts.

* 461 Q. - Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether memorial was presented to His Excellency the Governor in the first week of September 1928, signed by a large number of the ryots and mirasidars of the Kadarambam parts of the Kulittalai and Trichinopoly taluks;

(b) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter;

(c) whether the Government have decided or propose to extend the area of irrigation in the Trichinopoly district by carrying out the Kattalai scheme;

(d) whether they have decided or propose to reconsider the whole question in the light of the above memorial and modify the terms of the G.O. No. 1974 I., dated the 16th December 1926, so as to benefit the Trichinopoly district also under the Mettur scheme; and

(e) whether more than 10,000 acres of wet lands were silted up during the floods of 1924 and whether the Government have any scheme for the utilization of the unused water for irrigating other lands?

A.—(a) *to* (d) The memorial has been received and is under the consideration of the Government.

(e) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (e) of question No. 506.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"As to answers on all these points, may I take it that the Mettur Project will be utilized for the benefit of the lands of the memorialists?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"That is the question, Sir, which has to be investigated by the Engineers."

Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar :—"With regard to the answer to (e), may I know, Sir, whether the consideration that is promised will be so comprehensive as to include the adoption of any other scheme than the one mentioned here?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"I do not know which investigation the hon. Member refers to."

Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar :—"With reference to (e), the answer is that the attention of the hon. Member is invited to clause (e) of 506."

The hon. the President :—"Apparently it must be clause (d) of 506."

Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar :—"Yes. The answer from (a) to (d) is that the memorial has been received and is under the consideration of the Government. Then so far, the only scheme which is under consideration is the High Level channel scheme connected with the Right Bank canal. My question is whether the hon. Member will tell me if the consideration promised here will be so comprehensive as to include the adoption of any scheme for the benefit of these lands in addition to the high level channel."